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PASTE IN YOUR HAT

Since there was no annual meeting of the Conference, the November meeting of the Board of Directors was one of special significance.

First of all, officers of the Board for the year were elected as follows: **President,** Mr. Peirce Coombes; **Vice-President,** Mrs. Scott Haymond; additional members of the **Executive Committee,** Mr. George B. Martin, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. J. H. Price, Mr. David H. Gill, Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, and Rev. Robert W. Inglis. Supt. Gill was elected **Secretary;** Mr. K. C. Kinney, **Treasurer;** Mr. C. S. Morse, **Assistant Treasurer;** and Mr. George E. Oefinger, Auditor.

The Board took the position that all committees and officers elected by the Conference would automatically hold office until the next meeting of the Conference and that those whose terms expire in 1945 would automatically remain in office for an additional year. Only where vacancies existed did the Board make changes among those elected by the Conference:

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill or Rev. Wm. W. Meyer.

Committee on Ministerial Standing: (1945) Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. J. H. McCartney. (1946) Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. (1947) Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Gordon L. Foster.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. G. A. Casaday, Rev. E. W. Benedict.

Representatives to Northern California Council of Churches: Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. R. A. Fuller.

The Committees of the Board are as follows:

Apportionment Distribution: Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Burton M. Palmer.

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Finance: Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. J. Watson, Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. B. A. Gayman, Mr. K. C. Kinney, Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Laymen's Commission: Mr. Harold T. Avery, Mr. Charles Huyck, Mr. Barrett Coates, Mr. George B. Martin, Mr. David H. Gill, Mr. N. F. Sanderson, Mr. Herbert Owen, Mr. John Olmsted, Jr.; Mr. George Prickett.

Missionary Education and Promotion: Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, Rev. Eugene Sill, Mr. Harold T. Avery, Mrs. Charles A. Stanley, Mrs. W. W. Meyer, Miss Alice Sanderson, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, and Mr. Albert M. Yee.

Pre-Theological Students: Mr. Ronald Bridges, Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Holland F. Burr.

Social Action: Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Rev. G. A. Casaday, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Rev. Buell Gallagher, Mrs. S. C. Peabody, Mr. W. J. Kuhrt, Miss Stefanie Swift, Miss Eleanor Breed, and Rev. Norio Ozaki.

Young People's Work: Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Mrs. Grace Bielar, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Miss Eleanor Miles, Miss Mary Meadows, Mr. John Towers, Mr. Ted Winslow, and Rev. Byron Eshelman.

Junior High Sub-Committee: Rev. Henry Hayden, Rev. Byron Eshelman, Rev. Herbert Dimock, Miss Alice English, Mr. Leroy Smith, and Mr. Robert Carlson.

Cazadero Camp Commission: Mr. Scott Haymond, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Eugene Haynes, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Rev. Henry Hayden, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mr. Ralph Cole, Mrs. Scott Haymond.

Student Work: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. John H. Gregg, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Dr. Bertha Mason, Prof. Wm. Hawley Davis, Rev. J. Ford Forsyth, Rev. Robert James. It is expected that this committee will also include the student workers at Stanford, Fresno State College, and Stockton; field workers for the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. student departments; and laymen from Berkeley, Fresno, and Stockton.

Postwar Emergency Campaign Committee will carry over. The list was printed in a previous issue.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP MIDWINTER

The keynote message at the Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference will be brought by Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of Mill Valley. He will speak along the line of our Conference theme—"Putting Our Purpose to Work."

Midwinter Conference will be built around practical suggestions and techniques for making the local P.F. groups more effective. The Program Committee has planned for every delegate to share in four work-shop sessions following through with the same group of people and the same leader by tackling these four areas of specific planning for the local program: (1) Planning better meetings; (2) The Art of Worship; (3) Local Social Action; and (4) Effective Organization. Among the leaders of these work-shop sessions will be Rev. Ford Forsyth, Mr. Robert Carlson, Rev. Herbert Gans, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. E. V. Haynes and Rev. Richard Norberg.

December 17 is the deadline for registration for Midwinter Conference. Sunday, December 16, will be the final time to sign up delegates for the local groups. Mrs. Grace Bielar is the Registrar at the San Mateo Community Church, 225 Tilton avenue, San Mateo (telephone San Mateo 3-4116). If the registration cards have been mislaid, send her the list of those who are registering from your groups with the full $5.00 fee for every delegate. Because of the limited dining hall facilities there, it has been necessary to limit the number of full-time delegates to 200. Those in the immediate area of San Mateo will be allowed to register as part-time delegates with the privilege of attending all sessions except meals, at a cost of $2.00. This conference is restricted to young people of high school age and older; that is, those who are now in the ninth grade or above. There will be a special work-shop group for those of past high-school age. Counsellors and advisers of local P.F. groups will also be welcome and will have a special work-shop group of their own.

Chapel services at Midwinter will be held in the beautiful sanctuary of the San Mateo church. It is planned to have P.F. officers from the various areas help in some of the services.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CABINET—Front row, left to right: Stephanie Swift—Social Action; Christine Haymond—Eastbay President; Celia Elmore—"Light" Editor; Mary Meadows—President; Frances Colliver—Central President; Bobbette Thompson—Million Hour Chairman; Claudine Swanson—Personal Action; Mary Lou Loper—Secretary. Back row: Ralph Cummings—Handbook; Bill Bielar—Recreation; Don Gaylord—Adviser; Cliff Sayre—Westbay President; Joe Allen—San Joaquin President; Wim Meyer—Field Secretary; John Towers—Treasurer; Albert Yee—Missionary; Don Noble—Vice-President.

Fraternal delegates from Southern California Pilgrim Fellowship are expected at our Conference, and in exchange we hope to senr some delegates to their Midwinter Conference just one week later.

Recreation for the Conference is being planned by the Recreation Commission with the help of Rev. Elmo Wolfe of Benicia, who will serve as Director. Prizes for the largest delegation and for the delegation traveling the farthest will be awarded. Those who come by train or bus will probably make connections in San Francisco from which point there are frequent trains to San Mateo and the Greyhound buses leave every half hour. On arriving in San Mateo, delegates may telephone to the church and will be given directions to reach there. The church is located at San Mateo Drive and Tilton Avenue. This is midway between the Bayshore Highway and El Camino Real and about five blocks north of the main San Mateo business district.

MEMORIALS FOR CAZADERO

Friends of the late Rev. E. T. Sherman are being heard from with gifts toward Boys Cabin Number 1 at Cazadero, as a memorial.

During the past month, Mrs. Philip Greisinger, together with relatives and friends of the family, is establishing a like memorial for Mr. Greisinger.

SIERRA-ARDEN

Committee Organized

Hereafter, the Sierra Oaks Project is to be known as the Sierra Arden Community Church in formation. The directing committee will consist of Mrs. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento, Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk of Lodi, Rev. Lucius F. Reed of Auburn, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Field Secretary W. W. Meyer, and Messrs. F. Page Ellis and F. S. Chilcott, who live in the area. At the first meeting of the committee, Mr. Ellis was elected Chairman and Mr. Chilcott, Treasurer. Reports from Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester showed more than 90 calls made, with widespread and enthusiastic interest in the formation of a Sunday school as soon as quarters can be found. The decision has already been made regarding the future site of the church.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE PLANS

Sunday evening programs at Plymouth House this semester are presenting a series of speakers dealing with subjects in the general area of social action. Attendance has been good. Among speakers to date have been the following: Rev. Vere V. Loper, on "Historic Attitudes of the Church to Peace and War"; Rev. Vernon Fawcett, on "The Social Consciousness of the Prophets"; Rev. Ford Forsyth, on "Work and Worship"; Rev. Buell Gallagher, Professor of Christian Ethics at Pacific School of Religion, on "A Christian Approach to Race Relationships"; Leila Anderson, General Secretary of the University Y.W.C.A., on "Group Democracy"; Ben Cowles, Area Secretary for the World Student Service Fund, on "World Student Action."

A Tuesday noon discussion group has also been well attended when the students themselves lead and participate in discussions centering about current affairs.

POSTWAR VISUAL AIDS

Churches desiring to present effectively the Postwar Emergency Program now may have the visual aids they have been waiting for:

1. "In His Name and For Their Sake," 61 2 x 2 slides in color, with script recorded on 12-inch records playable on any phonograph (78 RPM). Commentary by House Jameson, the Mr. Aldrich on the Henry Aldrich show. Musical background by William Meeder, nationally known network organist. Photographs by professionals. Presents the whole Plan, its background, principal points, and requirements for success. Service charge, 50 cents, plus transportation.
2. "We Too Receive," a 16mm, 600-foot sound motion picture. Introduction by Rev. Douglas Horton. The familiar fuzzy wuzzy story produced by Cathedral Films of Hollywood. Not specifically on the Postwar Plan, but excellent to show the results of missions. Suggestions for using available. Service charge, 50 cents, plus transportation.

Secure these aids from the Conference office. Use them in worship services, canvassers' dinners, discussion groups, anywhere the Postwar Program is to be presented.

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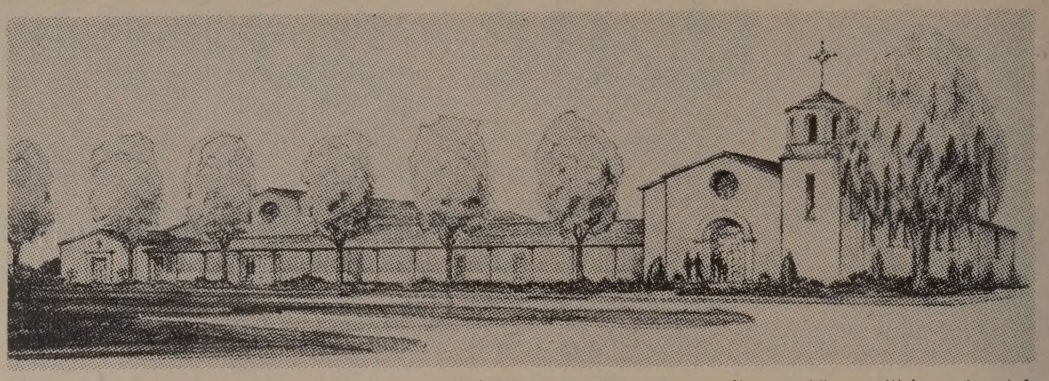

Above is the preliminary architectural drawing of the proposed new First Congregational Church of Fresno, which will cost in excess of $100,000. The sanctuary will seat 460 persons and the community hall will seat 600 persons for the Forum lectures or 350 for community dinners. There will be a chapel for weddings and small meetings and for young people's groups. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

ONE MONTH MORE

Not so good! In the early months of the year we were ahead of 1944 by $1000, even $2000, and in this report, which is for 11 months, we have actually dropped a little below last year. To be sure, some churches have money in their treasuries which they have failed to send and which will come in, but by and large we are not making the gains that we started with. By the time this issue reaches its readers there will be less than 30 days in which to gather all of our resources and make the gain which we are all interested in doing. 1945 books will be held open up to and including January 10. That will give several days for treasurers to close up their 1945 books and mail the checks. The money must be in the office in time to be banked before 3 p. m. on the 10th, to be credited for 1945.

CHURCH	Nov., 1945	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1945	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1944
Adin	$ 14.00	$ 52.80	$ 5.00
Alameda	145.00	976.40	819.10
Alturas	.....	87.69	82.39
Angels Camp	.....	153.00	112.77
Antioch	12.58	87.74	94.99
Auburn	10.00	145.50	141.60
Benicia	.....	230.00	75.00
Berkeley—			
Arlington	.....	101.60	65.80
Chinese	.....	.....	50.00
First	560.88	5,770.59	5,374.57
North	64.54	605.39	517.69
Northbrae	334.50	334.50	304.50
South	54.74	546.54	.....
Campbell	.....	154.00	226.00
Cedarville	.....	.....	50.00
Cloverdale	.....	91.99	100.31
Cotati	.....	85.00	96.14
Crockett	19.45	69.89	121.71
Elk Grove	115.00	121.40	.....
Etna	.....	.....	5.84
Eureka	.....	426.53	488.58
Fairfax	.....	65.94	97.79
Ferndale	.....	347.25	347.50
Fresno, First	.....	1,150.00	1,210.00
Pilgrim	.....	414.62	300.00
Zion	185.00	185.00	.....
Glen Ellen	.....	51.00	73.55
Guerneville	51.41	91.82	25.00
Hayward	100.00	200.00	300.00
Kenwood	.....	11.46	31.77
Lodi, First	.....	1,609.00	3,188.78
Loleta	12.15	89.15	52.22
Loomis	.....	80.18	70.49
Martinez	88.46	461.93	345.88
Murphys	.....	83.40	81.00
Niles	.....	55.00	55.00
Oakland, First	440.00	4,890.00	5,028.85
Fruitvale	.....	45.00	45.00
Japanese	.....	15.00	30.00
Pilgrim	.....	63.00	50.00
Plymouth	93.09	1,142.11	1,177.10
Orinda	20.00	215.80	54.00
Oroville	7.60	330.60	248.49
Pacific Grove	.....	329.95	281.54
Palo Alto	500.00	1,025.00	750.00
Paradise	25.00	250.00	300.00
Parlier	.....	.....	50.00
Penngrove	.....	78.50	84.59
Pescadero	.....	10.00	10.00
Petaluma	.....	881.70	698.40
Pittsburg	47.22	267.52	217.69
Port Chicago	.....	37.56	130.14
Porterville	.....	800.00	600.00
Redwood City	.....	684.04	690.76
Reedley	.....	25.00	.....
Rio Vista	150.00	220.00	88.00
Ripon	73.85	256.45	250.16
Sacramento	100.00	900.00	880.00
Salida	.....	126.00	132.00
San Carlos	20.00	230.20	153.01
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	.....	225.00	223.00
Calvary	.....	.....	30.00
First	.....	558.27	1,020.19
Ocean View	.....	91.15	100.80
Park Presidio	20.00	187.00	82.00
San Jose	51.50	559.82	700.69
San Leandro	56.50	239.55	132.50
San Mateo	110.00	820.95	1,247.96
San Rafael	.....	89.00	118.40
Santa Cruz	75.00	725.00	720.00
Santa Rosa	13.20	177.20	170.50
Saratoga	.....	533.97	465.80
Sebastopol	29.60	315.50	271.96
Sonoma	86.01	132.69	113.50
Soquel	.....	90.00	178.00
Stockton	173.69	708.80	578.47
Suisun	.....	109.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	32.25	85.31	81.65
Tulare	.....	565.00	500.00
Weaverville	75.00	150.00	140.00
Woodside	.....	23.80	53.80
Reno, Nevada	47.27	564.04	544.34
*Miscellaneous and Individual	105.00	984.16	1,397.22
	$4,119.49	$35,694.95	$35,806.48

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

WE CAN HELP

From Foochow in China, the home of a number of American Board institutions long isolated by the war, comes a report of the damage suffered by Foochow College. Since the picture is typical of many scenes in war areas, the following quotation seems worth repeating:

"We stood on the basement floor and looked straight up through three floors to the sky. Only the walls were standing. Pews had been carried off and every bit of glass taken. All the good furniture had disappeared, and the collection of books, including many rare Chinese volumes, had been used as firewood. Laboratory equipment had been torn to pieces and thrown away. Fruit trees, flowering shrubs, and electric light wires had been sawed off. We just gazed at the sad desolation and could not restrain our tears. Will we live long enough to build up our beloved school again? After a day of mourning over the ruins, we called some workmen and set them to burning up the rubbish and clearing a way through."

This story of devastation will be repeated many times as it is possible to obtain news of other mission properties. It is hoped that at Foochow temporary repairs can be made now so that classes may start again soon.

A part of your gifts to C.W.V.R. will be used for rebuilding the permanent plant of the college, which is the alma mater of thousands of Chinese and must continue to train students in the years to come. As we plan our Christmas giving, can we not include an offering to our own Congregational Christian funds for the valiant souls in distant lands who are struggling to regain their foothold and to carry on their work under most adverse conditions?

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

MISS DENTON'S PORTRAIT

A beautiful oil painting of Miss Mary Denton by one of Japan's leading portrait artists was brought by Dr. Douglas Horton as a gift to the Women's Board of Missions of the Pacific from Doshisha University.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

"OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH," by Walter M. Horton of Oberlin, a text for church institutes, study classes, and personal reading, has just been issued by the Pilgrim Press. Dr. Horton is one of the ablest theologians of our day. The book deals with the essentials of a Christian faith. Its purpose is to help the members of our fellowship to find common grounds for their Christian beliefs and action. It is for laymen and young people as well as ministers. It is the first unit in a series on "Congregationalism Today and Tomorrow." In format it is small enough to be carried in purse or pocket, about the size of THE READER'S DIGEST and only 148 pages. The price is 75c per copy in paper binding and $1.50 in cloth. Orders may be placed through Pacific Book Service.

ADIN. It is difficult for one who has not visited Adin to understand the extensive and beautiful alterations that have been made in the church building and the parsonage under the leadership of Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis. It has all been done by the voluntary gifts of the people in labor, money, and materials.

SACRAMENTO. Forty-one people have been received into the church in November. The budget for the new year includes an item of $1,500 for benevolences. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. Herbert C. Gans, the minister, has launched a new church paper to be known as "The Messenger." Church attendance has improved, particularly that of men. The church canvass is going forward with splendid results.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Thanksgiving offering has gone beyond $1,000. The annual budget was presented and adopted at a turkey dinner December 7. Superintendent Gill was the speaker. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The budget for the coming year is an increase of more than 50 per cent over that which has been in effect. The youth choir has more than twenty members. Rev. Byron Eshelman is pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 26-29 — Pilgrim Fellowship Winter Conference at San Mateo.

January 17—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, First Church, Berkeley.

January 28-31 — Mid-Winter Meetings of Mission Boards and Superintendents, Cleveland, Ohio.

February 19 - 21 — Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

April 21—Easter Sunday.

June 19-26—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Eugene Sill resigned the pastorate to take effect after Christmas, in order to accept the call extended to him by the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara. Under Mr. Sill's leadership the church has attained a new level of strength and his resignation was accepted with deepest regret.

ALTURAS. Rev. R. D. Licklider has been spending some weeks in a hospital and in rest at his daughter's home, with the expectation that he will be back at his church in time for all Christmas preparations.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, who is serving as Chairman of the Conference Committee on the Post-War Emergency program, presented that program at three of the State Conference meetings—Broadmoor, Berkeley, and San Francisco. The church sent fourteen subscriptions to the Missionary Herald and eight to The Pacific during October.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is serving the churches of Angels Camp and Murphys and also acting as chaplain for the California Youth Authority camps at Calaveras Big Trees and the Fricot Range School. He will continue until a permanent pastor can be secured.

SANTA CRUZ. The Primary Department rooms are being redecorated. Rev. H. S. Mahood, at a dinner for the officers and their wives or husbands, outlined the need of a recreational hall for young people's activities and other social events. Penny-a-meal boxes are being used to start the fund.

CAMPBELL. An increased budget for the coming year has been adopted and the canvass is going forward. The church community forum is sponsored jointly by the Methodist and Congregational churches. The two young people's groups have an average attendance of close to forty. Mr. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

ELK GROVE. The Missions Festival of this church was a great success, making possible the sending of $100 for the Postwar Program in addition to the regular benevolences of the church. Rev. Ferdinand C. Zahl is the pastor.

RIO VISTA. This church has been supplied by Rev. Frank E. Carlson and Prof. Hugh Vernon White while search for a new minister has been going forward.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. The Thank Offering Service was an all-church evening meeting at which Mr. Roy Nichols of the South Berkeley Community Church led the devotions and later took part in a mock trial of Dame Thank Offering, Mrs. Cora Eckles. The play was written by Rev. Jeanette O. Ferris. After a spirited prosecution and defense, which called several witnesses from far places before the jury, a fine of $133 was paid as the Thank Offering. The church is purchasing new Pilgrim Hymnals for Christmas. Fifteen large cartons of clothing have been shipped to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and 8 cartons of books for the Philippines. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The church has an active planning committee studying the community, its growth and its needs, and the facilities which the church now offers and must have. At a recent meeting of the council with Superintendent Gill it was decided to start at once to lay plans for the total church plant which will one day occupy the entire property, but to undertake it in a way that the final goal may be reached one step at a time. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

LOOMIS. Congregations have increased since the coming of the new minister, Rev. J. H. Bennett. The church has purchased additional land for a possible program of extension. The high school young people's group now has 30 members, but 72 attended the Hallowe'en party. More than 100 persons have attended each of two fellowship dinners for the community. A series of town meetings is being planned for 1946.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Preparations are under way for the rendering of the oratorio, "Messiah," on Sunday afternoon, December 16. The downtown union Thanksgiving Day service was held in this church. The Pilgrim Fellowship young people recently held a bazaar for the Cazadero camp fund. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. A rigid revision of the roll of the Weaverville church takes off nearly half of the previously reported membership. The church held a potluck Thanksgiving dinner for those not sharing in family gatherings. The Hayfork Grange is using the building there and has made considerable repairs. Rev. Forrest P. Knapp is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. The choir of children, newly robed in white, directed by the wife of the pastor, Rev. Willis Goldsmith, is a welcome feature of the worship hour on occasional Sundays. The church is advancing its benevolence goal for 1946 to $1,100, and will endeavor to secure not less than $400 for the C.W.V.R. at Christmas time.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A buffet Thanksgiving dinner was served at the church following the morning service on November 25. The building fund continues to grow. Dr. N. F. Kwang will probably soon leave for China.

BERKELEY, FIRST. General David P. Barrows addressed the Men's Club on the theme, "What Will We Do With Japan?" More people desired to attend the seminar dinners than could be accommodated. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. Leonard C. Fuqua has completed his work at Port Chicago, and the church is being supplied by Rev. Miles B. Fisher.

SALIDA. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the present house of worship was celebrated on December 2, Superintendent Harley H. Gill preaching the sermon. The service was conducted by the pastor, Mr. Albert F. King. The pastoral prayer was offered by Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. The walls of the parsonage have been completely torn out, making possible a rearrangement and great improvement of the floor plan of the house, and a long porch will be added, which will make a very comfortable home for the famiy of Mr. King, due to arrive in about two weeks.

LODI, FIRST. On Sunday, November 4, Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Benicia. The following Sunday the Postwar Program was explained by Mr. Boone and the congregation voted to raite $7,000 as its share in the three-year program; $6,000 has already been pledged. The fall thank offering for missions amounted to $750, in addition to the regular budget of $1,500. New drapes have been hung in the Sunday School room and Plymouth Hall, and linoleum laid in the church kitchen.

BENICIA. The redecorating of the church sanctuary and the new system of lighting have created a transformation which is beyond the fondest expectations of those who planned it. A community canvass is going forward and the results indicate that the budget will be almost fully subscribed. A Boy Scout troop is being started, also a young married couples group. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

PARADISE. At a special service, November 18, the congregation and community responded to the invitation by Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the pastor, and the church to create a living memorial to the service men and women of the community, this memorial to be a pipe organ. The organist and choirs gave special music. More than $1,200 was received, bringing the total fund to about $1,700.

FRESNO, ZION. This church is now having two English morning services a month. The attendance is better than at the German-speaking services. A contribution of $275 was made by the church for the Postwar Emergency Program, over and above their regular benevolence giving. Rev. J. N. Sauer is pastor.

FERNDALE. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has completed his work, and Rev. Charles H. Hudson is taking over. The Whitakers will be living at Redway, California, until their home in San Jose is available.

FRESNO, FIRST. A new high for the women's Thank Offering, of $146.00, has been reached, this in addition to the $200.00 a year which they give to regular apportionment. Two hundred pounds of roast turkey with all the fixings satisfied the hunger of the 200 people who crowded the social hall for the Harvest Home dinner. Plans for the new church and community center were revealed. The dinner, which was served at 75 cents a plate, netted a profit of 75 cents. "The Child of Peace" was given by a cast of 34 women at the annual Christmas luncheon.

MARTINEZ. The church is looking forward with confidence to the carrying out of the strong program that has been launched by the pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. One of the first achievements will be the gathering in of a class of members made up of people who have long been interested in the work of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord have purchased an attractive home. Recent speakers at church night and women's council were Rev. Robert Inglis of Oakland Plymouth, and Miss Alice English from San Francisco Grace United.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. This church was host to the Union Thanksgiving Day Service of the churches of Fresno. One hundred and fifty guests attended a banquet given by the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society. The **Pilgrim Church News** does the best job of keeping in touch with the young men in the Service that the editor of The Pacific has seen. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

ORINDA. A club for younger married people, with about twenty couples, is to be known as the Orinda Clipper Club. Money and pledges still come in for the building fund. The alterations and improvements of the manse cost more than $3,600, but it is now a very comfortable home. Christmas Sunday service will be held in the Orinda Theater. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SAN MATEO. The total budget for the new year has been set at $11,500, of which $1,300 is for benevolences. This church has assumed the heavy responsibility of entertaining the Mid-winter Young People's Conference. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

SANGER. The offering at the Missions Festival this year amounted to $876, more than three times that of last year. The church is responding enthusiastically to the leadership of the new minister, Rev. Edward Hildebrand.

SAN FRANCISCO GRACE UNITED. Between $60 and $70 are collected monthly in the coin-a-meal banks, which makes possible regular reductions of the indebtedness on the building. Much work has been done on the parsonage to prepare it for the family of the new minister, Rev. E. Leroy Abbott. Total expenditure, besides much volunteer work, was over $800. The Christmas pageant, "Bethlehem," will be given by the Church School the Sunday night before Christmas. About $2,000 was gathered at the Victory Harvest Festival.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Thanksgiving Sunday the members of the church placed their gifts and their pledges for next year's work on the altar, the total exceeding former years. Thanksgiving baskets were distributed for less fortunate people of the parish. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, has been giving a series of lectures to mothers on Child Psychology. The Postwar Program was presented to the church through the invitation of the committees on Fellowship and World Service by Superintendent Gill on December 9.

HAYWARD. Sunday morning services are increasing in attendance. The Pilgrim Fellowship is growing and a Junior Fellowship has been organized. A monthly bulletin, "The Messenger," is being issued. An offering of $175 for War Victims' relief has been received. The campaign for funds for the new church building is being launched on December 10. Rev. Richard C. Norberg preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service.

PESCADERO. Arrangements are being made whereby running water will be available on the church property. This improvement has been needed for many years. Rev. William F. Keeney, the pastor, is carrying out a study project on the history of the community. This gears in closely with the purpose of the church.

SAN LORENZO. Mr. Floyd Williams, outstanding young people's worker from Hayward, is to be director of religious education for the community church. There will be week-night as well as Sunday activities. Rev. Homer Schwarz, the pastor, heads the nomination committee of the Homes Association.

STOCKTON. Rev. Lester Johnson was guest preacher during the absence of Dr. Noel J. Breed on a trip east. Dr. Jerome Davis was forum speaker one Sunday evening, using as his theme, "Can We Do Business with Russia?" The eightieth birthday of the church was celebrated on December 2.

RENO. An inclusive Women's Association will supplant the two women's societies which have been functioning for years. The unified program will begin January. The church will celebrate its 75th birthday in February. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Terence Stoker is getting under way with the Cedarville church. He is doing some teaching in the high school to help out.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By REV. HERBERT C. GANS, Petaluma

Years ago someone took the angel's message, and, transposing a few words, came out with this translation: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace—to men of good will." It is not a good translation, but it is pertinent this year.

Look at our world now! We were supposed to have PEACE in August, but we are still fighting. The battles may be minor engagements, but they are a continuance of war, just the same. Our men are being kept under arms, and the war is not officially declared at an end, because we fear the outbreak somewhere of renewed major engagements. The basic reason for that condition is because by and large our statesmen will not sit down as men of good will to bring peace. Every nation denies imperialistic ambitions, and every nation, including our own, demands territory.

Look at our own country! I heard Walter Van Kirk say that when our four commissioners were to have a communion service with Japanese Christians the local pastor could find no bread in Tokyo, and 180 million people are starving in Europe alone now, but here in California we have so much bread that even a strike in the bakery industry does not affect us too much. Are not all of our strikes and industrial difficulties basically over the question of who shall have the biggest slice of bread? Could not men of good will sit down at any time and cut the slice according to the need and have Peace?

We will all say it at Christmas 1945, we will sing it, and we will hear it with joy. But when will we be ready to live it?

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held on Thursday, January 17, 1946, at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

WINDING UP 1945

The Federation of Congregational Women met for the last time this year in the chapel of the First Church of Oakland, on Thursday, November 15. Perhaps because of the nearness of Thanksgiving and the beginning rush of Christmas preparations, there was a smaller attendance than we have had since gas rationing stopped. But, as always, both sessions were full of interest.

We were sorry that one of the first duties of the Federation was to accept an unusually large number of resignations. Mrs. H. A. Davenport resigned as Auditor; Mrs. Eugene Haynes, as member of the Printing Committee; Mrs. H. V. White, as Director; Mrs. Charles McTaggart, as member of the Nominating Committee. Later, Mrs. Laura Clark resigned as Director, but we understand from certain veiled allusions made by the President that she will remain on our Board in another capacity next year, and the same is true of Mrs. White. In accepting Mrs. Davenport's resignation, special mention was made of the fact that she has served the Federation in the same capacity for many years, and always with complete faithfulness and ability. We are sorry to lose her.

A message of Godspeed, and of gratitude for all the help and inspiration their service has brought to our Congregational churches during their stay with us, was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blake, who were leaving the end of that week for Massachusetts, and a little later for Turkey. We learned with regret of the illness of Mrs. James Senter, our most eminent Corresponding Secretary.

Several reports of the success of the Women's Hour during October, as these came in from individual societies, were given in the last issue of The Pacific. The sum total was equally gratifying: Twenty-one such "Hours" were held; eleven of the Federation leaders helped to make these a success; and 497 women were reached, either as assistants or attendants. It had been a very worthwhile experiment.

Reports of the various Secretaries follows: Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service Secretary, reported that all but four of the churches had responded regarding the missionary quotas. It had not been possible to get the material for the sewing which had been spoken of much earlier, and it was now too late to attempt that phase of the work. Mrs. Scott Haymond, Young People's Secretary, spoke on our Cazadero project. She stated that the young people were "sold" on Cazadero. There had been 10 camps held this year, with an attendance of approximately 650 young people, and about 100 in the two Family Groups. Each camp carried itself financially. It is planned that next year there shall be one Family Group especially for families with little children. The college age group of young people which was depleted during the war is now being revived.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, brought us an interesting sidelight on our most recent Thank Offering project. This, as you know, is the Hospital in Humacao, Puerto Rico, and its related work. Mrs. Fuller told us that Mrs. McTaggart, whose home is in Martinez, has a neighbor whose baby was born in that hospital. That seemed to bring the Puerto Rico work closer to us personally.

Mrs. William Meyer, Home Field Secretary, brought to our attention one piece of work or which we hear seldom but which is vitally important, as well as offering immense opportunity for good. This is the Christian work on Ellis Island, where Mrs. Jennie F. Pratt is our Congregational Home Missionary worker. She is a busy woman. It is true that not many immigrants are coming now, but that has not lessened the population on the island to any extent. Alien internees are there; citizens suspected of collaboration with the enemy; seamen from disabled ships; people who have tried to enter America illegally; to all these Mrs. Pratt ministers. Her duties are various: she holds classes in English; she shops for those detained on the Island; she acts as intermediary for the merchants who are many times generous in their gifts of clothes; she organizes classes in arts and crafts, and secures the material with which to work; when, as often happens, some one has a wife or friend on the mainland who is ill in a hospital, Mrs. Pratt visits the sick person and is able to bring back personal information of his welfare; she tries to provide recreation of differing kinds, especially music. Many of these people, she reminds us, are musicians, artists ,scientists. Mrs. Meyer was asked if there is anything any of us could do in the matter of gifts, at this season. She told us to write Miss Helen Frances Smith, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, for information.

Mrs. Meyer also spoke of the agricultural migrants who are in our midst, as well as all over the nation—greater in number with us, because our season for crop gathering is much longer than in more inclement regions. She spoke of the relatively unchurched condition of these people: they are in many cases too far away from a church; they are, unfortunately, not always welcomed when they go, since they are at all times strangers, and often in a strange land. The Farm Security Administration is endeavoring to meet many of their wants, but our help is needed. Particularly at this time, Mrs. Meyer's message was apt, since the call has recently come out from the Council of Women for Home Missions asking for donations of money from church women to aid in putting on a Christian program for migrants—especially the children. Any such gifts may be sent to Mrs. F. E. Shotwell, 3330 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 16.

In the absence of Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Social Action Secretary, the Rev. Robert Inglis of Plymouth Church spoke on the integration of the Japanese returning to this area from the Relocation Centers. It had been the hope, said Mr. Inglis, that these should be completely integrated into our church life, with no separate Japanese churches. This is still held as an objective, but so far it has not worked out as desirable. The older Japanese do not understand English well enough to get much satisfaction from one of our services, and both they and the younger Japanese feel submerged.

Your editor regrets that there is not space to report the interesting talks given in the afternoon by Mrs. C. A. Stanley, Foreign Field Secretary; Mrs. J. H. McCartney, 2nd Vice-President; and Miss Alice English, "our" worker (we are proud to have some claim to her, by virtue of our Thank Offering gifts) in the Children's Project of Grace United Church. Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Literature Secretary, has sent word that the Supplementary Reading Lists will be reprints from those appearing in the issues of "Guide Posts" and will be available on order at the January (Annual) meeting.

OUR CHAPLAINS, PAST AND PRESENT

Rev. W. Edgar Gregory, Congregational minister and discharged Army chaplain, is now the director of the program of ministry to service personnel and veterans, under the auspices of the San Francisco and Oakland Councils of Churches. He will be a liaison agent of the Christian churches in dealing with non-church organizations serving the same ends. Ministers and service men will feel free to call upon him for help. He can be reached at the office of the San Francisco Council of Churches, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. He is a graduate of Carleton College and Chicago Theological Seminary. His last church was at Concord, N. H. At one time he was editorial associate of "Advance."

Chaplain Edward Reighard is to be on the U.S.S. Block Island. He has recently been at Okinawa and near enough to Iwo Jima to see the desolation of that island. At the time of writing, his ship was anchored in the harbor of the former Japanese naval base at Sasebo on Kyushu Island.

Chaplain Verdette Walters had arrived in Tokyo before the arrival of the special deputation, which was described in the last issue of The Pacific. He was able to make contact with Dr. Horton and to furnish the deputation members with transportation in his jeep.

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan has been promoted to rank as a commander. He has recently had a furlough to visit his family at Orinda, and will in all probability be on shore duty for a period of some months.

YOSEMITE PARK CHURCH

Yosemite Park Interdenominational Church had a successful summer, not only among the 700 residents of the Park but the many thousands who were visitors. Average attendance at Sunday morning services in the summer was 320 and in the evening 366. The resident pastor, Rev. Alfred Glass, has served as Protestant chaplain of the hospital that is in the Park. There are boys' clubs, church school sessions, and a strong program the year 'round.

"For Adventure"

Church School lessons on phonograph records are the latest development of our national radio department. A set of programs under the theme, "All Aboard for Adventure," is now available on records that can be played on any ordinary phonograph (although special duo-tone or shadowgraphed needles are required). If the records are used for regular church school class work, a workbook called "The Adventure Log" can be secured for 12 cents. The records would also be suitable for use in special monthly missionary programs and might well fit into the worship service. There are 12 records in the set, although each one is an independent unit. The records may be borrowed from the Conference office or from the Field Secretary's office at a 50-cent service charge per record, plus postage, or a $3.00 charge plus postage if the full series is used in rotation.

BASIS OF UNION

The Conference office has a phonograph record about the Basis of Union Between the Congregational and Evangelical and Reformed Churches. It is a dialogue between Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard and Dr. George Richards. It is available for churches at cost of transportation both ways.

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"If there be any among you who would bring shame and disgrace on the American Legion by violating the principles of the Legion by denying to a citizen the rights which are his, then you forfeit your right to be considered a good Legionnaire." (From statement issued by California Department of the American Legion in support of Gov. Earl Warren's position on the rescission of the order banning all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.)

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